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Heroes

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Now, Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life – even when he's being chased by badniks!

Villains

DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

GRIMER

Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ — Running Wild Part 3

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DOWNTOWN METROPOLIS ZONE IN ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST NOTORIOUS BARS.

I HEARD HE KILLED THEM ALL WHILE HE WAS SUPER SONIC... BLEW THEIR PLANE RIGHT OUT OF THE SKY!

HAH, SONIC KILLING HIS OWN GANG... WHAT A LAUGH!

SPIKE PLACE

DICTATOR

YEAH, REAL FUNNY...

YOU TALKING TO ME, STRANGER?

FORGET IT.

DON'T TELL ME TO FORGET IT, CREEP!

UH?

HEY LOOK, IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

I ...I AIN'T LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

ROBOTNIK STILL HAS A REWARD OUT ON THIS GUY, RIGHT?

RIGHT!

KEEP BACK PLEASE...I...I MUSTN'T GET UPSET!

NO... IT'S TOO LATE, THE STRESS IS MAKING ME CHANGE!... NO!

HOW ABOUT THAT, SONIC'S SCARED... HAH, WHAT A COWARD!

I'M SCARED ALL RIGHT, SCARED OF WHAT I MIGHT DO TO YOU... BUT NOW, IT'S TOO LATE...

IT'S SUPER SONIC!

FEEL MY POWER, YOU PITIFUL FOOLS!

L-LET'S FORGET ABOUT THAT REWARD AND S-SPLIT!

MOMENTS EARLIER, IN A NEARBY STREET...

YOU WERE RIGHT, KINTOBOR, SONIC'S TRAIL IS DEFINITELY GETTING STRONGER!

ALL THAT EMERALD POWER HE'S ABSORBED IS GIVING US A GOOD READING... WE'RE CLOSE NOW!

THE READING'S GOING CRAZY! SONIC MUST BE GIVING OFF MORE EMERALD RADIATION THAN EVER! YOU DON'T THINK...

SHRAKK!

SPIKE'S PLACE

OH NO! SONIC'S TURNED SUPER AGAIN!

WHY, IF IT ISN'T AMY ROSE AND HER CUTE LITTLE FURRY FRIENDS...AREN'T YOU ALL SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD?

I SAW YOUR PLANE CRASH. I'M REALLY INTERESTED TO KNOW HOW YOU ESCAPED...

WELL, I ...I USED THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER TO FLY OUR PLANE BY REMOTE CONTROL ... WE WERE NEVER ACTUALLY ON IT!

PULL HARDER, TAILS ... I DON'T THINK AMY CAN KEEP HIM TALKING MUCH LONGER!

WE'VE BEEN ON YOUR TRAIL FOR WEEKS ... SONIC, PLEASE LISTEN ... YOU'RE NOT YOURSELF, WE JUST WANT TO HELP YOU GET BETTER!

YOU FOOLS! WHY SHOULD I WANT TO TURN BACK INTO THE BLUE WEAKLING THAT I USED TO BE?

I AM NOW THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON PLANET MOBIUS ...

THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED HELP... ARE YOU!

SONIC, NO!

HURRY, TAILS, DO IT NOW!

TAILS, KEEP SONIC OCCUPIED WHILE I ATTACH KINTOBOR TO THE STAR POST!

OH, DEAR!

RIGHT, KINTOBOR, YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE CHANCE!

I'M ON IT, AMY!

CHAKK

ZUUUUUM

AAH, SOME SORT OF ENERGY BEAM ... DRAGGING ME BACK!

I ... I THINK IT'S WORKING!

NO ... NO, IT'S ALL GOING WRONG! HE'S GOING TO ESCAPE!

KINTOBOR, I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, BUT WE NEED MORE POWER!

FA-ZAAK!

NOOOOOOO

IN AN INSTANT...

SONIC, YOU'RE BLUE AGAIN!

I'LL CATCH YOU, SONIC!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?

SONIC, YOU TURNED SUPER AGAIN, BUT WORSE THAN EVER!

KINTOBOR WORKED OUT HOW TO USE THE STAR POST'S ENERGY TO REMOVE ALL THE EMERALD RADIATION AND...

AMY, I'M PICKING UP REALLY WACKY READINGS FROM THE STAR POST!

IF I'M RIGHT, WE MAY HAVE SENT ALL THE EMERALD ENERGY INTO THE SPECIAL ZONE*... WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, IS THAT SUPER SONIC MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN THERE!

*A WEIRD ALTERNATIVE DIMENSION, AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW - MEGADROID.

BUT HOW COULD HE EXIST BY HIMSELF?

LOOK, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

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VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED

Part 1

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WHEN YOU'RE DRAGGING A HEAVY CHEST FULL OF ANCIENT DOCUMENTS, GETTING HOME CAN TAKE A LONG TIME...

OOH, THIS HAD *BETTER* BE WORTH ALL THE EFFORT!

IF I GET BACK AND FIND THESE PLANS AND DIAGRAMS ARE NO HELP GETTING THE *FLOATING ISLAND'S SYSTEMS* BACK ON LINE...

IT'S A PITY I HAD TO LET CAPTAIN CLAW GO *FREE*... BUT WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK BEING IN CHARGE OF THINGS, THERE'S NO ONE I CAN TRUST TO LOCK HIM UP!

YAWN!

RATS! IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER NIGHT SPENT SLEEPING OUT IN THE OPEN!

HEY, WHAT'S *THAT?*

MOMENTS LATER...

I DON'T **BELIEVE** IT, I'VE STUMBLED ACROSS A VILLAGE!

THE GREEN MAN

THIS IS TOO **GOOD** TO BE TRUE! I'VE FOUND A TAVERN... AND IT LOOKS **OPEN**... EVEN AT THIS **TIME** OF NIGHT!

HELLO?

I, ER... WAS JUST **PASSING** AND...

I'M LOOKING FOR A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT!

BOY, TALK ABOUT A **WARM** WELCOME!

A ROOM? OF COURSE... I SAY, OF COURSE WE HAVE A ROOM FOR YOU MY LAD!

GREAT, I HAVEN'T HAD A DECENT NIGHT'S SLEEP IN DAYS!

SETH! MAURICE! TAKE OUR GUEST'S TRUNK TO MY BEST ROOM! MY BEST ROOM MIND YOU!

AYE, IF YOU SAY SO, LANDLORD!

YOU'LL TAKE A DRINK BEFORE YOU RETIRE? I KEEP THE BEST BREW IN THE COUNTY!

NO THANKS. ALL I NEED RIGHT NOW IS TO GET SOME SHUT-EYE.

COME WITH ME, LAD! MY ROOMS ARE THE MOST COMFORTABLE YOU'LL FIND ANYWHERE... YOU ASK ANYONE, THEY'LL TELL YOU!

YES... I'M SURE.

IT'S HIM. HE IS THE ONE.

IT'S HIM. HE IS THE ONE.

LATER THAT NIGHT.

OOOEEEEEEE!

YAAAA!

AN **OWL!** FOR A MOMENT THERE I COULD HAVE SWORN THAT WAS A **SCREAM!**

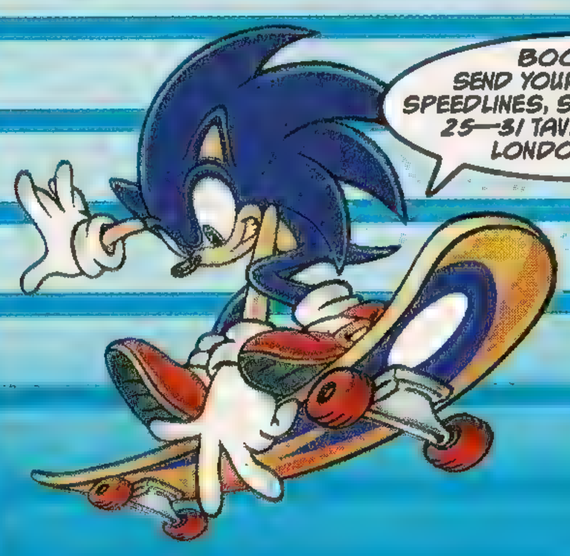
HEH...I'LL BE JUMPING AT MY OWN **SHADOW** NEXT!

EEEEEEEEE!

TH...THAT'S NO **OWL!** WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

THERE'S A LIGHT COMING FROM THE STREET...

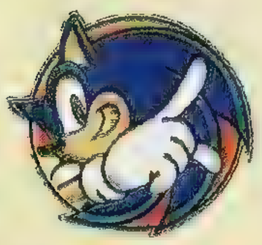
NEXT ISSUE: **THE SACRIFICE!**



SPEED Lines

TAILS OF THE BRAVE

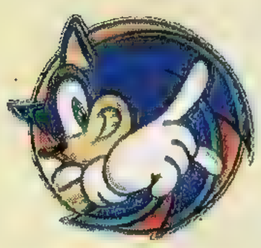
Dear Sonic,
I am Tails' biggest fan and I think he is really brave. For example, in issue 158, when he saved Jimmy and Jilly, that was great. So I say, what have you got that Tails hasn't?
John Erskine, Ross-shire.



A movie named after me for a start!

PHOTO ZONE

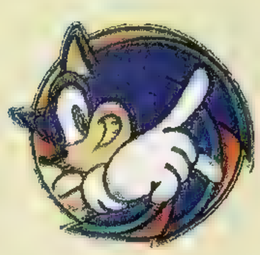
Dear Sonic,
My sister Lara and I both love Sonic the Comic. We are sending you a photo of us with some of our Sonic stuff.
Alexander Crowley, Herts.



Trust Robotnik to get himself into the picture!

WIZARD WARNING

Dear Sonic,
Beware! I have heard rumours about a new baddie by the name of "Stan the Steel Wizard". He is small but strong. His attacks are "steel kick" and "iron punch". His special attack is "Metalikrate" This is when he shoots liquid metal at you and turns you into metal!
Luke Dinster, West Midlands.



This heavy metal dude sounds dangerous! If he tries to visit Mobius I'll bounce him right back where he came from!

BLAST WARNING

Dear Sonic,
I am warning you that Dr. Robotnik has built an unstoppable robot called BLASTER who lives on a mountaintop. Unfortunately, you will have to take off your gloves to climb the mountain. When you reach the top you will have to neutralise Blaster to access the computer so you can get to Robotnik's laboratory.
Nathan Buckley, England.

Ain't no mountain high enough to stop me, Nathan!

MOVIE QUEST

Dear Sonic,
I have been looking for Sonic the Movie on video but I can't seem to find it. Do you know where I can get it?
Michael Archer, London.

Sonic the Movie can be purchased online from www.blackstar.co.uk (price £15.99). Alternatively, your local video store should be able to order it for you.

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SONIC'S WORLD

COMPLETE STORY

A NEW HOPE

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BASH!

LIFE ON **PLANET MOBIUS** IS HARDER FOR THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** SINCE **SONIC** VANISHED INTO THE **SPECIAL ZONE**. HOWEVER, **AMY, TAILS** AND **JOHNNY** CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S** EVIL **BADNIKS**...

WE'RE **OUTNUMBERED!**

THANK YOU FOR THAT NUGGET OF INFORMATION, JOHNNY! JUST KEEP CLOBBERING THEM!

TARGET IN RANGE!

DON'T BANK ON IT! I'VE BEATEN BIGGER BADNIKS THAN YOU BEFORE!

WHAKK!

YERK! MAYBE I SPOKE TOO SOON!

WHOOPS! LOOKS LIKE TAILS NEEDS SOME HELP!

TAILS! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

WELL, I'VE FELT BETTER!

AMY! LOOK OUT!

GRAB!

TYPICAL! SOME CREEP THINKS HE CAN SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET!

I'LL SAVE YOU, AMY!

OH NO! I MISSED!

EVER CONSIDERED JAVELIN THROWING FOR YOUR PLANET, JOHNNY!

FLY AFTER THEM, TAILS! WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE AMY!

I CAN'T! THAT FALL HAS TAKEN IT OUT OF ME!

FACE IT, TAILS. . . WE'RE JUST NOT **STRONG ENOUGH** WITHOUT SONIC!

HANG IN THERE, JOHNNY! WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!

I JUST WISH I BELIEVED THAT!

I'VE NEVER LIKED HANGING AROUND, BADNIK! AS SOON AS WE LAND, YOU'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU!

ZZAKK!

AWWK!

WOW! LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST **GOT** IT!

ULP! PERHAPS HANGING AROUND WAS PREFERABLE TO GETTING SPLATTERED ON THE GROUND! BUT **WHO** COULD'VE ZAPPED THAT BADNIK?

NEED A LIFT, AMY?

SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK! THANKS FOR TAKING OUT THAT BADNIK!

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT BADNIKS! ROBOTNIK TURNED **ME** INTO ONE, BUT I RESISTED HIS **BRAINWASHING** AND HAVE DEDICATED MYSELF TO DESTROYING OTHER BADNIKS! *

WELL WE COULD SURE USE YOUR HELP TODAY!

** A QUICK SUMMARY OF SHORTFUSE'S ORIGIN FOR NEW BOOMERS!* — Your caring, sharing Megadroid.

A FEW MILES AWAY. . .

WHY DID I HAVE TO PICK **FREEDOM FIGHTING** AS A CAREER?

BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO MEET MORE INTERESTING PEOPLE?

I'VE A FEELING THE BATTLE'S NOT LOST YET!

WITH SHORTFUSE BY THEIR SIDE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FINALLY OVERCOME THE BADNIKS. . .

ROBOTNIK'S MOODS WILL BE EVEN WORSE WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT THIS!

THE BATTLE IS OVER. . .

WE MADE A GOOD TEAM, SHORTFUSE! **JOIN** US! WE NEED YOUR KIND OF POWER NOW **SONIC** ISN'T AROUND!

THANKS, AMY. . .BUT I'M A **LONER!** SONIC WILL BE BACK. . .ONE DAY!

BUT ROBOTNIK'S NOT GOING TO GIVE US ANY BREAKS WHILE SONIC'S AWAY!

IF ANYTHING, OLD EGG-DOME WILL TAKE **FULL ADVANTAGE** OF HIS ABSENCE AND **REALLY** COME DOWN HARD ON US!

MMM! THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER! OKAY. . .**I'LL JOIN YOU!**

YAAYY!

I'LL NEVER FILL SONIC'S SNEAKERS, BUT I'LL JOIN YOU FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO **BRING ROBOTNIK DOWN!**

NEXT ISSUE:
ROBOTNIK'S SECRET WEAPON!

NEW STORY

CAPTAIN Plunder

Part 1

THE SPICE MAIDENS

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IN AN OUT OF THE WAY REGION LIES **SCOURGE BAY**, INFAMOUS HOME TO THE **PIRATES OF PLANET MOBIUS.**

AW, C'MON, CAPTAIN PLUNDER... IT'S **GOT** TO BE SOME-ONE ELSE'S TURN TO CARRY THE STICK!

SHUT YER ***TRAP***, SIMPSON! IF YOU WANT TA BE A PIRATE, YER GOT TO LEARN TO FOLLOW THE CAP'N'S ORDERS!

CAP'N, I SPY SOMEONE A **COMING!**

GET OUT OF **SIGHT**, SIMPSON! YOU REMEMBER WHAT TO DO?

YOU BET! BOY OH BOY, I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THIS!

LOVELY EVENIN'!

LOVELY!

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TWO BLIGHTERS AFTER?

THIS BE YOUR **LUCKY NIGHT**, MATEY!

TOMORROW I SET SAIL FOR THE EAST IN SEARCH OF ***TREASURE!*** JOIN MY CREW AN' YOU'LL BE **RICH** BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!

I'VE HEARD ***THAT*** ONE BEFORE! YEP, SURE HAVE!

NO, IT BE ***TRUE***! LOOK, I HAVE A ***MAP*** AN' EVERYTHING!

THIS ***ANCIENT MAP*** HAS BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS!

SO HOW BE IT THAT THE INK IS STILL ***WET?***

Here Be Treasure

CAP'N, I TOLD EE THE MAP IDEA WASN'T GOING TO WORK!

WAIT A MINUTE, I ***RECOGNISE*** YOU! YOU BE CAPTAIN PLUNDER...THE BIGGEST ***FOUL UP*** ON THE SEVEN SEAS!

NOW DON'T EE BE SO *HASTY!*

I BE SURE WE CAN *CONVINCE* YOU TO JOIN MY CREW!

I SAID, *"I BE SURE WE CAN CONVINCE YOU TO JOIN MY CREW!"*

THAT BE YOUR **SIGNAL**, SIMPSON!

OH, **SORRY**... I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF! RIGHT, HERE I COME!

HAI!

WHERE'D EE GET THE OUTFIT FROM?

DON'T ASK ME... HE BE *ALWAYS* DOIN' THINGS LIKE THAT!

SIMPSON, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HIT *HIM!*

CAPTAIN PLUNDER... BIGGEST FOUL UP ON THE SEVEN SEAS!

YOU'LL **NEVER** MAKE IT AS A PIRATE, SIMPSON...DOES EE KNOW **WHY?**

N...NO, CAP'N...

'CAUSE I BE GOING TO **KILL** YOU!

I HEAR YOU BE LOOKING FOR CREW... WELL I GOT YOU **FIVE!**

YOU REMEMBER MY **DAUGHTERS,** CAPTAIN!

CAPTAIN PLUNDER, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

OH NO, IT BE **ZORABEL,** THE PIRATE QUEEN!

YER DAUGHTERS! FIGURE I DO...

WHAT ABOUT THEM?

THEY BE JOINING YER **CREW,** PLUNDER!

LET'S GO GET 'EM!

THIS BE THE *ROUGHEST* TAVERN IN TOWN... WHAT WOULD YOUR DAUGHTERS BE DOING IN HERE?

THE SAME THING THEY *ALWAYS* DO...

CAUSING *BOTHER!*

NEXT ISSUE: **GIRL TROUBLE!**

SONIC'S WORLD
Revolution
Part 2

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WAR RAGES IN THE SKIES ABOVE CITADEL ROBOTNIK. COMMANDER BRUTUS ORDERS HIS OWN BADNIKS TO ATTACK THOSE CREATED BY HIS FORMER MASTER, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...

LET THE REVOLUTION BEGIN! DESTROY THEM ALL!

BRUTUS IS TRYING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE CITY!

HE'S AS EVIL AS ROBOTNIK! I WISH SONIC WAS HERE!

BUT SONIC IS A MILE FROM THE BATTLESITE, RECOVERING FROM HIS ENCOUNTER WITH BRUTUS...

Uhhnn... THAT CANNY CREEP, BRUTUS, ZAPPED ME. HE OWES ME A RE-MATCH!

ANOTHER BADNIK, HUH?

DON'T DO ANYTHING HASTY, SONIC! I'M A **FRIEND**, REMEMBER?

SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK! GOOD TO SEE YOU, PAL!

I HEAR ROBOTNIK'S HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ***ANOTHER*** ONE OF HIS CREATIONS... THAT GUY SURE KNOWS HOW TO ***MAKE ENEMIES!***

YEAH, BUT UNLIKE YOU, **BRUTUS** IS NO GOOD GUY! HE'S KIDNAPPED **JOHNNY LIGHT-FOOT** AND **AMY!**

C'MON, SHORTFUSE! WE'VE GOTTA RESCUE MY FRIENDS FROM THAT BUCKET-HEADED BOZO!

LEAD ON, SONIC! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

INSIDE CITADEL ROBOTNIK...

H-HOW CAN YOU BE S-SO **CALM**, DOCTOR? ***OUR*** BADNIKS ARE **LOSING!**

STOP SNIVELLING, GRIMER! I HAVE A WAY TO DEAL WITH BRUTUS!

FOOM!

EEK! PER-PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO *USE* IT THEN, SIR!

YOUR DAYS AS RULER OF MOBIUS ARE OVER, ROBOTNIK! *THIS IS A TAKE-OVER!*

YOU'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY, BRUTUS! WHEN I PROGRAMMED YOU WITH A COPY OF MY BRAIN PATTERNS*, I HALF *EXPECTED* YOU TO TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS. SO, NATURALLY, I PREPARED FOR THIS MOMENT...

THIS TRIGGERS A *SELF-DESTRUCT IMPLANT* IN YOUR *BRAIN! DIE, TRAITOR!*

CLICK!

NOTHING'S HAPPENING! IT WORKED AGAINST THE *BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX!* BUT NOT AGAINST *YOU...*

CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!

HAH! I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE IMPLANT *WEEKS* AGO AND *DE-ACTIVATED* IT!

NOW, TROOPERS, PROVE YOUR LOYALTY TO YOUR NEW MASTER! KILL *ROBOTNIK!*

SMAASH!

MIND IF WE CRASH THIS PARTY, CREEPS?

WE OBEY!

FORGET ROBOTNIK FOR NOW! KILL THE OUTLAWS!

YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE, SPIKEBALL, BUT DON'T EXPECT GRATITUDE!

MY TIMING CAN BE BAD FOR ONCE, LARD-BELLY!

SKRASH!

WE'RE ONLY HERE TO RESCUE AMY AND JOHNNY, BUT I GUESS YOU GOONS WON'T GIVE 'EM UP WITHOUT A FIGHT, RIGHT?

FZAP!

OOYAH!

FOOM!

YOU MAY LOOK TOUGH, BRUTUS, BUT I'M WARNING YOU - MY ARMOUR IS MADE OF MEGATAL, THE STRONGEST METAL ON MOBIUS!

WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU CYBERNIK...

...SO IS MINE!

WHAM!

AAGHH!

mccallum

DON'T TRY A SUPER-SPIN ATTACK, HEDGE-HOG... OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FRIENDS ALIVE AGAIN!

OKAY, CAN-HEAD, BUT LET ME SEE JOHNNY AND AMY OR YOU'RE FOR THE RECYCLE BIN!

ROBOTNIK AND GRIMER HAVE ESCAPED IN THE CONFUSION, COMMANDER!

I'LL TRACK THEM DOWN LATER! BRUTUS TO SHIP! SEND DOWN THE NEW RECRUITS!

DON'T YOU DARE TRY ANY TRICKS... I WANT TO SEE MY FRIENDS, NOW!

THEN LOOK OUTSIDE, SPIKEBALL...

...AMY AND JOHNNY ARE NOW BADNIKS!

NOOOO!

DESSTROYY SSONICC!

NEXT ISSUE: FRIEND OR FOE?